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SUBJECT: FCO OBSERVATIONS ON SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT ON
CYPRUS

REFERENCE: LONDON 7865

1. FCO ON AUGUST 4 PUBLISHED HMG "OBSERVATIONS" ON THE
CRITICAL REPORT ON BRITISH POLICY ON CYPRUS BY A BI-
PARTISAN SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST
MAY (REFTEL). IN ITS RELATIVELY BRIEF SIX-PAGE DOCUMENT,
THE GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE CRITICISMS, INCLUD-
ING CHARGE THAT BRITAIN SHOULD HAVE INTERVENED.

2. ALSO ON AUGUST 4, FCO RELEASED PUBLIC POLICY STATE-
MENT ON ISSUE, AGAIN EXPRESSING REGRET SELECT COMMITTEE
WAS NOT MORE CONSTRUCTIVE. STATEMENT PLEDGED GOVERNMENT
WOULD WORK ACTIVELY FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF CYPRUS
PROBLEM. SPECIFICALLY, STATEMENT CONTINUED, "HMG AND THE
ALLIED AND PARTNER GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH HMG IS IN CON-
TINUOUS CONSULTATION ON THIS SUBJECT CONSIDER THAT ONLY
THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS OFFER A PROSPECT OF FINDING A
LASTING SOLUTION... IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT DATES FOR A
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NEW ROUND OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

DR. WALDHEIM HAVE NOT YET BEEN FIXED."

3. FCO CONSIDERS ITS POLICY STATEMENT IN PARA 2 ABOVE TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN TEXT OF OBSERVATIONS PAPER. FCO CONSIDERS SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT TO HAVE BEEN A TIME CONSUMING AND FUTILE EXERCISE BY THE PRO-GREEK CYPRIOT LOBBY. FACT THAT REPORT ON FCO "OBSERVATIONS" PUT ON INSIDE PAGES OF LEADING NEWSPAPERS SUGGESTS PUBLIC INTEREST IN SELECT COMMITTEE REPORT HAS WANED.

4. TEXT OF "OBSERVATIONS" BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES, AS WELL AS EMBASSY AIRGRAM WHICH THIS TELEGRAM SUMMARIZES

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